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FAREWELL RECEPTION TO THE REVEREND C. R. WATSON.

Pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church Goes to Philadelphia.

A reception was given in the Sundayschool room of the First United Presbyterian Church last week to the retiring pastor of the church, the Reverend Charles R. Watson. The affair was arranged by the



more than 300 persons present to bid the minister farewell.

Addresses were made by the Reverend A.

M. Campbell of the Wagner Place United Presbyterian Church, the Reverend J. W. Ashwood of the Grand Avenue United Presyterian Church, the Reverend Leland of byterian Church, the Reverend Leland of the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church, and the Reverend Doctor S. C. Palmer of the Lafayette Park Presbyterian Church, George J. Cochran spoke on behalf of the congregation and Mr. Watson responded. He will preach his farewell sermon to-morrow morning. From St. Louis he goes to Philadelphia to become the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church.

JAMES MORRIS WAS MURDERED.

Mysterious Killing Agitates Piedmont-Inquest To-Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Piedmont, Mo., Sept. 12.-James Morris, a farmer, 47 years old, residing here, was killed this afternoon about 4 o'clock. He had been drinking and playing cards with parties in E. W. McDonald's saloon

and started home.

Ten minutes later he staggered into W.
P. Toney's drug store, covered with blood,
his jugular vein severed and hands badly He lived about five minutes, dying without speaking. The trail of blood began in a rear hall of E. W. McDonald's salgon. The whole affair is a mystery, as he was not known to have an enemy.

Coroner Banks has been notified and will arrive to-morrow morning and hold an inquest.

No arrests have been made, but the officers have several parties under surveil-ance. Morris was the son of John Morris, a highly respected farmer, living at Patter-son. He was married and had four chil-

dren, all grown.

A knife was found in an open lot near the saloon, which the officers are helding as a clew.

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FEUD ENDS IN A KILLING. Two Men Shoot a Farmer at Che-

cotah, I. T.

Muscogee, I. T., Sept. 12.-Deputy United States Marshal Jones came into this city to-night with John and George Whitson and Willie Adair, who to-day shot and killed Bud Davis at his farm five miles killed Bud Davis at his farm five miles west of Checotah.

It was not the first trouble they have had and when Davis came up he opened fire on the three men with a Winchester. Two shots were fired when old man Whitson, who did not have a gun, told the other two men to fire. Their shotguns spoke together and Davis fell dead.

The three men are in the Federal prison here to-night. This is the third murder that has occurred in and near Checotah within the lest three weeks.

Deputy Marshal Jones is now under bond for killing a man at Checotah last week.

Mexican War Veterans to Meet. The Veterans of the Mexican War, will hold their thirty-first annual reunion at Springfield, Ill., October 1-2. The headquar-ters will be in the Courthouse.

A SIMPLE CHANGE.

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The Health Resort does not always bring back health, but the Health Resort and proper food make a pretty sure combina-tion. Mrs. E. Kennett, Springfield, Mo., writes Mrs. E. Kennett, Springheid, Mo., writes:
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to Asheville, N. C., for my health. I just
could not eat without a cup of coffee, and
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could not drink it. I was almost in despair
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PLAN TO COLONIZE **GREAT SOUTHWEST**

Concerted Action Will Be Taken to Turn Tide of Immigration Through St. Louis.

ALL ROADS JOIN THE FRISCO.

Meeting Will Be Held in St. Louis Next Week to Make Rates to Combat Influences of the Northwestern Roads.

Within a few weeks a stream of humanity to be counted by the hundreds of thousands will begin pouring into the great Southwest. where the railroads will divide it under a colonization plan more comprehensive than anything ever undertaken by the roads of be Northwest.

The Frinco, the Missouri Pacific, the Iron Mountain, the Katy, the Cotton Belt, the Rock Island and the Santa Fe, will have representatives at a meeting to be called this week in St. Louis, when the details of the plan will be agreed upon.
Concerted action is expected. If such ac-

tion is taken, low rates, probably one fare for the round trip, or even I cent a mile, with the chance of even a less rate, will be put in and dates set for homescekers and colonists. More than three years ago Bryan Snyder,

nger traffic manager of the Prisco, decided that it was time for the Southwest-ern rairoads to begin colonization on a scale similar to that already in effect over the railroads to the Northwest. But only within the last few months has the Frisco risen to that position where it could force the issue and bring all railroads entering the Southwest into an agreement.

ALL LINES JOIN THE FRISCO. It is said that the Rock Island and the Santa Fe agreed with Mr. Snyder that they had more interest in colonizing the Southwest than in making rates to the Northwest over their Western lines, and that they have gladly joined the Prisco in its effort to colonize the great States and Territories of the Southwest.

The Missouri Pacific, the Iron Mountain, the Katy, the Cotton Belt, and their allied lines, as well as the Frisco, have long had immigration agents in all parts of the world and in every State of the Republic, but it is now unanimously agreed that only concerted action will be of any benefit.

Mr. Snyder, who returned yester hy from a tour of Ensern cities and from conferences of various railroads, at the Planters ALL LINES JOIN THE FRISCO. nces of various railroads, at the Planters

last night stated:

"For two or three years the Frisco has had in mind the question of cheap colonist rates to the Southwest, to combat the influences of the Northwestern and Pacific Coast lines in their efforts to induce immigration to their territory.

"A meeting will be held in St. Louis withing the next ten days of the lines particularly interested in Southwestern business through the St. Louis gateway; that is, the Missouri Pacific, the Frisco, the Katy, the Cotton Belt, etc.

TURN TRAFFIC THROUGH ST. LOUIS.

"The trend of foreign immigration for the past few years has been to the Northwest and the Pucific Coast, to the detriment of the lines penetrating what is termed the great Southwest. By our action at that meeting it is expected to turn the immigrant traffic through the St. Louis gateway. All we need is concerted action.

"It has not been determined whether a one-way or round-trip rate will be placed in effect by the lines interested in the movement. It is safe to say, however, that adequate action will be taken to combat the unnatural tendency of immigration from the Central States to the Northwest. Immigration from the Central States to the Northwest, Immigration from the Central and Southeastern States should go to sections of the country having the same climate, and all other natural conditions to which they are accustomed.

"An effort also will be made to influence TURN TRAFFIC THROUGH ST. LOUIS.

natural conditions to which they are accustomed.

"An effort also will be made to influence traffic through this gateway from the Central and Southern portions of Europe.

"It is well known that an immigrant will seek a congenial latitude, and it should consequently be understood by the American lines of railroad striving for foreign immigration that it is best to place their efforts in such a portion of Europe as will be conductive to the best results."

Mr. Savder further stated that if the other railroads will not join the Frisco in its effort to colonize the Southwest and draw the tide of immigration from the Northwest, he will place low rates in effect and invite settlers from all parts of the world to remove their homes to Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

NOTES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Immigrant Bureau Would Pool Eastbound and Westbound Business. -The Executive Committee of the Western Passenger Association has re-elected P. S. Eustis passenger traffic manager of the Burlington, as chairman of that committee. -G. F. Moore, traveling auditor of the Chicago and Alton, with headquarters in Chicago, was at St. Louis headquarters yes-

The Vandalia will take off its St. Louis Mackinac sleeping car service next Mon-

day.

—The Advisory Committee of the Immigrant Bureau has adopted a recommendation providing for the pooling of east-bound business as well as west-bound.

—The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific have taken individual action in announcing cheap rates to California. The rate is to be one fare plus £. Other rates will now have to be adjusted to the new condition.

—The annual car famine is reported on to be adjusted to the new condition.

The annual car famine is reported on its way to visit the grain-carrying railroads, according to one railroad official. Another says there is no danger, and he is backed up by J. J. Hill.

The St. Louis agents met yesterday and transacted routine business. The Association of General Passenger Agents also met at the headquarters of the Southwestern Passenger Bureau to discuss ticket forms for

enger Bureau to discuss ticket forms for ne low fares which will be put in for al-tment day at the World's Fair site.

CHEROKEE CENTRAL IS NOT SOLD. President Seaman Denies Reports of Negotiations With Any Road.

President Seaman of the Ozark and Cherokee Central Railroad, at the Planters last night, denied the reports from the Southwest that he has sold his road, or that he is negotiating its sale, to the Frisco, or to the Santa Fe, the Katy, the Rock Island or any other road.

It has been stated that Mr. Seaman's road is being built for the Katy, Mr. Seaman's road is being built for the Katy, Mr. Seaman only joites about that report. He makes only this positive statement, that his road is making too much money to sell at present, and that, under no circumstances, will he sell it, if at all, until it is completed. It is crossed north and south by the Frisco, the Rock Island, the Missouri Pacific's from Mountain, the Santa Fe, the Katy, the Kansas City Southern, and is reaching our across still other roads, and making itself valuable for either of the roads mentioned. Doubtless one of them will absorb it when it is completed, but not until then. Southwest that he has sold his road, or

DALLAS LINE UNDER CONTRACT.

Rock Island Is Gradually Pushing Extension to the Guif. The Rock Island yesterday closed a con tract with Craney Brothers Rallway Contracting Company, to build an extension of the Texas lines from Fort Worth to Dallan the Texas lines from Fort Worth to Dallas.
This company is now building the extension from Jacksboro to Graham.
There now seems to be no doubt that the Rock Island will build this line on to the Gulf of Mexico. The work of extension on the Dallas line will be beguin next week. In the last thirty days the Rock Island has purchased more than twenty pieces of real estate in Dallas at an approximate cost of more than \$100,000. This land will be used for terminal facilities and freight and passenger stations.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHOWING.

Member of the New Gould-Rockefeller Traffic Alliance Reports for Year. In connection with the partly confirmed report that the Milwaukee and the Missouri Pacific have agreed upon a traffic al-liance, the annual report of the Milwaukee, or St. Paul, as it is also known, is of in-terest. The annual report, in part, is as fol-lows:

The gross earnings ending June 30 were 45,613,134.34 and the net earnings \$15,416,220.90.

The construction of the line from a point three and four-tenths miles west of Pres-

SEVENTY-SEVEN POUND MELON BROKEN BY NEGRO DECKHAND.



Just after the camera snapped on this prize Missouri watermelon its custodian dropped it on the wharfboat deck and spoiled the plans of Captain Massengale for entertaining his friends, but furnished the roustabouts a feast.

in St. Louis was dropped and broken by a careless negro deck hand on the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet Company's wharfboat yesterday afternoon just after the seventy-seven pound lump of juley

fruit had posed before a camera, The melon had been presented to Cap-tain John E. Massengale by John Kirkpatrick, and was brought to St. Louis on the City of Memphis from Roman's Landing, It was grown on the Roman farm, about ninety-five miles south of St. Louis.

As it lay on the shady side of the steamer on the journey to St. Louis It was the object of envy of all the negro deck hands, and would probably have been "accident-

One of the biggest watermelons ever seen | to a feast. Yesterday the melon was transferred to the wharfboat and many visitors called to see it. Among these was the phopose as sponsor for the prize product of Missourt and took a shapshot of the pleture. The camera had clicked and John Lee, a negro attache, came to take the melon away. The darky's eyes glistened as he started

to lift the burden from the floor. It took several efforts, but he raised it in his arms and had started away when, much to amusement of a score of roustabouts, he tripped and fell.

The melon burst in halves and its luscious interior was exposed to the tollers about ally" broken before it was had there been occasion to move it.

Cuptain Massengale intended to have a big watermelon party and invite his friends

There will be no watermelon party.

ton to Green Island. In., has been completed, at a cost of \$289,265.83; a second main track has been completed from Sabula Junction to Green Island, In., at a cost of \$288,879.30, and from a point three and fourtenths miles west of Preston to Browns, In., a distance of two and four-one-hundredths miles, at a cost of \$25,241.35.

The construction of the Kansas City cutoff will be completed this fall. There were in freight service June 30, 1891, 24,814 cars, with a carrying capacity of 496,671 tons, while on June 29, 1962, there were 29,036 cars, with a carrying capacity of \$87,289 tons.

Last Fiscal Year Shows the Banner

Report of the Queen and Crescent. There seems to be little doubt among wellinformed ratiroad officials that the Southern Railway will soon totally absorb the Queen and Crescent. Though it is not generally known except to railroad men, this system, which runs from Cincinnati to Shreveport and New Orleans, and which has more trailable expectations.

Shreveport and New Orleans, and which has most valuable connections with the Southern, is practically a Morgan property. But the purpose appears to be to bind the New Orleans and Northeastern as close to the parent road of the big system as are the other lines operated as part of the Queen and Crescent.

The year ending June 50, last, was the banner year of the Queen and Crescent. The gross earnings were \$609,404.12; operating expenses and taxes, \$4,29,533.50, and net earnings \$1,428,19,22. Gross earnings show an increase of \$14,808.51, operating expenses and taxes an increase of \$12,-983.41. The balance for the year shows an increase of \$20,001.85.

FRISCO TRAFFIO AND TERMINALS. President Yoakum to Return-Win-chell Negotiating With Senboard. On account of the great amount of freight hat is being handled by the Frisco, it has

been compelled to increase its yard ca-pacity. At Rolla it will build a mile of ad-ditional side track. A large force of men were sent there yesterday. New stock yards will be established and additional spurs run into them.

President Yoakum is expected to return to St. Louis in a few days. He has been to President Yoakum is expected to return to St. Leuis in a few days. He has been on an extended vacation at his summer home on Lake George, giving a few days now and then to Wail street. General Manager Winchell is said at headquarters to be in Birmingham. For some time Mr. Winchell has been negotiating with the Seaboard Air Line for a terminal agreement at Birmingham. It is also expected that, besides giving the Seaboard the right to use the Frisco's belt line at that point, Mr. Winchell will close a traffic or trackage right with the Seaboard.

EFFORT TO RESTORE IRON RATES Executive Omcers Will Meet on Sub-

ject in Chicago Tuesday.

Executive officers of the Colorado lines will meet in Chicago next Tuesday to take up the iron rates, and, if possible, stop the constant warring over tariffs. Attempts upon the part of general freight agents to end the fighting have been fruitless. The rates on structural fron and com

modities of like class are low. The roads accuse the Missouri Pacific with having started the trouble, but it appears that the Missouri Pacific traffic officials are as aux-Missouri Pacific traffic officials are as aux ious to have the rates restored as are the other lines. St. Louis Valley's New Cairo Terminals

The St. Louis Valley's New Cairo Terminals
The St. Louis Valley Railroad has purchased seventeen acres of land inside of the
city limits of Cairo, to be used for terminal
facilities. It is a tract known as Townsend
Park, and was acquired from the Cairo
Trust Property Company. To reach this
tract the Valley will make traffic arrangements with the railroads entering the city
from the north. It was generally supposed
when this road was begun, that it was for
the Goulds, who were expected to use it for
the Cotton Belt to connect the latter road
with the Wabash for Chicago business. But
the Wabash is building from Altamont. Ill. the Wabash is building from Altamont, Ill., to the Cotton Belt at the new Thebes bridge, and it is more than likely that the Valley will be consolidated with the St. Louis and Gulf. It is not definitely known who, or what system, will then take in the merged lines.

Chesapeake and Ohio Annual Report. The annual report of the Chesapeake and Ohio, just issued, shows that the gross earnings were \$16.324,378.62, an increase of \$1.132,85.83 over the preceding year; expenses were \$10.388,452.50, an increase of \$32,811.85, and net earnings were \$5.262,337.45, an increase of \$120,224.85. Income from other sources was \$120,231.11.

Freight earnings for the year showed an increase of \$931,533.29, and passenger earnings an increase of \$128,106.02.

Nickerson on the Mexican Central. Nickerson on the Mexican Central.

Vice President Nickerson of the Mexican
Central states that the Central system is
being extended to reach all important points
in Mexico, and that connections will be
made with every line in the United States
which reaches the border. The Central is
building from Mexico City to Tampico, is
surveying a line from Monterey to the Texas border, and is building from Tuxpan to
Manzarillo. The other etxensions zinder
way have been announced in The Republic
frequently.

Illinois Central Improvement. The Ilinois Central Improvement.

The Ilinois Central has decided to expend more than £20,000 in the extension of sidings and improvement of its Peorla division, including almost an equal amount for the yards at Evansville. New yards will replace the old, with tracks to hold more than 400 cars. Superintendent R. B. Starbuck of Peorla division will have charge of the work.

NEAR MOUNT VERNON, VA.

Former Resident of St. Louis Succumbs at Gunston Hall, After Very

Joseph Specht, formerly a resident of St Louis, one of the organizers and at the time of his death president of the Famous Shoe and Clothing Company of Broadway and Morgan street, died yesterday at Gunston Hall, near Mount Vernon, Va., very sud-denly. He was born in St. Louis and left this city in 1891. He was 58 years old. In 1870 he organized the Famous Shoe and Ciothing Company, with a place of business in a building on the site now occupied by the Globe Company, on Franklin avenue.

He was at the time of his death president of the Pamous Company, but for several years he had left the management of the concern as well as all other investments



JOSEPH SPECHT. Who died near Mount Vernon, Va., yes-terday.

in St. Louis to E. V. P. Ritter of the Nicholls-Ritter Real Estate Company, who lives
at No. 3818 West Pine boulevard. Mr. Ritter
was a brother-in-law of Mr. Specht and
had been reared by Mr. Specht since Mr.
Ritter was 7 years old.

Joseph Specht continued in active management of the Famous Shoe and Clotning
Company till 1890, when he relinquished the
control to Mr. Ritter, and, turning over the
management of his other interests in St.
Louis to him, removed to Gunston Hall, Va.
Mr. Specht's mother. Mrs. Elia Specht, who
is 99 years old, lives in St. Louis on Russell avenue, and every year since Mr.
Specht has been gone, he has visited her,
the has always come on Christimas or in the
holidays.

Besides organizing the Famous Shoe and

He has always come on Christmas or in the holidays.

Besides organizing the Famous Shoe and Clothing Company, Mr. Specht was one of the founders of Union Market, and did much for the maintenance of that institution until the time of his departure from St. Louis. He was accounted a man of very kind and charitable disposition to all young persons trying to get a start in the world.

property near Mount Vernon, Va., after leaving St. Louis, and constantly enlarged it until at the time of his death he owned early seventy acres.
Mr. Ritter heard from him regularly, but ar. Ruler heard from him regularly, our presterday, while a letter of Wednesday was lying on Mr. Ritter's desk, he received a telegram from Gunston Hall that Mr. Specht was dead. Mr. Ritter departed at once to attend the funeral.

HUSBAND BENT ON MURDER Killed Former Wife, Her Father and Shot Two Others.

Pierce, Neb., Sept. 12-Last night, Gottfleb Niegenfind shot and killed his former wife, Mrs. Anna Peters, shot six times at Albert Breyer, her father, who died this morning, and shot the wife of Breyer in the shoulder, seriously and perhaps fatally the shoulder, seriously and perhaps fatally wounding her.

After the shooting. Niegenfind left the house, and, meeting Mrs. Peters's sister, Lena Breyer, attempted to assault her.

Mrs. Peters had been divorced from her husband two years. It was thought he had left the country. He appeared at Pierce Sunday, however, and later paid several visits to the Breyer farm, where his former wife was living with her parents. He went to the Breyer home last evening and engaged his father-in-law in a quarrel, the trouble being over Niegenfind's children.

Patrolman Daniel Keenan of the Fifth District was thrown from a Jefferson avenue and Dayton street yesterday morning, in attempting to board the car while it was in motion, and as a result is off duty suffering from a sprained shoulder.

ROBINSON KNOCKS **OUT AKINS CROWD**

Republican Supreme Judge Holds Kerens Followers Compose the Regular City Committee.

COMPLICATIONS MAY ENSUE.

If Election Commissioners Refuse to Recognize the Ousted Body Then There May Be No Primary Tuesday.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 12.-There was merry time this morning in the Supreme Courtroom when Judge Robinson, Republic-an member of the Missouri Supreme Court, ruled that the Republican State Committee had erred in ousting the sixteen Republican members of the St. Louis City Central Committee. By issuing a writ of prohibition against the Election Commissioners of St. Louis prohibiting the board from recogniz-ing the lists of judges and clerks filed by the so-called usurping Akins faction, it makes the Kerens faction, recently ousted, the regular committee. The decision of Joige Robinson furner complicates mat-ters in making the provisional writ of rule in prohibition returnable to court in banc on October 14, when the Republican pri-mary is to be held in St. Louis on next Tuesday.

Should the Election Board believe that Judge Robinson exceeded his jurisfiction and authority by issuing the writ prohibiting the board from recognizing the Akins ing the board from recognizing the Akins faction, it is possible that the board may refuse to select the judges and cierks from the Kerens list, and thus preclude the possibility of holding any primary at all. The action of Judge Robinson Friday morning was not at all unexpected by the parties who appeared here, since he was known to have a leaning toward the Kerens faction. The action places things in such a position for the Republicans that there is no solution to the question at all, but a more serious computation. tion to the question at all, but a more seri-ous complication.

The many prominent Republicans who were in the city interested in the proceed-ing are feeling elated or sore, as their for-mer position might have been. The Akins men claim that they had no day in court and that the hearing to-day was cut and dried against them and was farcical in the extreme.

COURTROOM CROWDED. The hearing was held at 3 o'clock in the Supreme court chamber in order to accommodate the crowd, as it was found that the study of Judge Robinson would not be ample to accommodate all. Every chair in the courtroom was filled when the hearing began.

the courtroom was filled when the hearing began.

City Counselor Bates of St. Louis appeared for the Election Board and filed the return of the board, in which it was held that the board had the judicial right to make a selection from the lists filled with the board and could not be interfered with by any court by a writ of prohibition, and that a mandamus proceeding could only lie in case the board had taken action. Inasmuch as the board had not reached an opinion it was held by Attorney Bates that no court could say what the action of the board should be. None of the Election Commissioners was present at the hearing. On behalf of the Kerens faction of sixteen men who were ousted by the Republican State Committee, Attorneys J. A. Gilliam went into the details of the St. Louis fight, which had led up to the complications now in court, and frequently denounced the Akins faction as a set of "soreheads and bolters led by Charles Nagel and three others, who meant to rule or roim and who had arbitrarily ousted the Kerens men without considering the evidence."

Personalities were frequently indulged in by Mr. Gilliam, and be was not at all backs. Out considering the evidence."

Personalities were frequently indulged in by Mr. Giliam, and he was not at all backward in calling names in describing the details of the case to Judge Robinson.

AKINS MEN WON'T ENTER CASE.

After the Kerens men had had their case stated in the hearing Judge Robinson said that he would give the Akins men an opportunity to state their side and prove that they had not usurped rights on the committee. This the Akins men refused to do, as it was claimed by Attorneys Charles C. Allen and James L. Minnis that they were not a party to the proceeding which was directed against the Election Board by the It was claimed by Attorneys Charles C. Allen and James L. Minnis that they were not a party to the proceeding which was directed against the Election Board by the ousted faction; that they were there as spectators, and the hearing was not a court proceeding regularly held. Upon the return of the attorneys to enter into the case and review the facts, Judge Robinson then announced that he would issue the writ which had been applied for by Mr. Gilliam. By so doing he turns down the Republican State Committee, and holds that the Kerens faction, which was ousted, is the regular committee, and that the Election Board must select the judges and cierks from the lists filed by the ousted faction. The entire hearing assumed much the appearance of an argument between Judge Robinson on the one side and Attorney Bates on the other with an attempt to draw Attorney Allen into the proceeding, which he termed was not before a court, it seemed clear from the beginning that Judge Robinson was disposed to interfere in behalf of the Kerens men and would issue the writ.

NOT REGULAR HEARING.

During the proceeding Judge Robinson stated to the attorneys for the Akins party that the hearing was not a regular court and that the proceeding was somewhat out of the ordinary, to which Mr. Allen agreed in a voice audible throughout the court-room in terms scarcely judicial.

The Akins men who were knocked out to-day by the decision claim that they will get even when they have their day in court and the matter comes properly before the State tribunal. They claim that they were unfairly treated in the matter by Judge Robinson during the entire proceeding. NOT REGULAR HEARING.

The following Republicans were in the the tollowing keptolicans were in the city interested in the proceeding: John A. Gilliam J. L. Minnis, Nathan Frank, C. C. Allen, T. T. Fauntleroy, W. H. Hahn, C. D. Comfort, Louis Ah, A. L. Lang, T. K. Niedringhaus, C. H. Withhaeft, John B. Owen, Theodore Kalbfell, P. H. Clarke, E. H. Baumann, W. H. Oseur, L. C. Decker and Louis Becker.

JEFFERSON CITY PILGRIMS RETURN. Republican Factionalists Are in a

All of the factionalists who appeared before the Supreme Court yesterday morning returned to St. Louis last evening. The Kerens Committeemen and lawyers returned on the 6 o'clock Missouri Pacific train, and the anti-Kerens representatives on the 10 James L. Minnts and William H. Hahn

were met at the train by C. A. Welch, The-odore Berryhill and Charles A. Day, and were met at the train by C. A. Welch, Theodore Berryhill and Charles A. Day, and
escorted to the Missouri Trust building.
where a meeting of the reorganized City
Committee was held. The members had
been awaiting definite word since 8 o'clock.
Mr. Minnis gave a brief resume of the day's
proceedings ami a hint of what was to be
expected within the next two or three days.
There are several possibilities open, any
one of which means a further split in the
party. The action of Justice Robinson yesterday was discussed in only one way by
those who heard his decision. Even those
who nominally won the honors of the day
did not feel elated over the victory, while
the representatives of the reorganized committee remarked that the facts spoke for
themselves. The prophecies which had been
made were carried out to the letter, and in
such a spirit that they said the public
could best judge of the matter and the influences which were manifest.

The Elaction Commissioners may refuse
to recognize the authority of Justice Robinson, If they recognize it, contrary to the
opizion of City Counselor Bates, they can
still refuse to select judges, clerks and
challengers from the last submitted by the
old committee. If that is done, the primaries cannot be held.

If the board recognizes the old cammittee, the anti-Kerens faction will probably
refuse to participate in the primary. On
the other hand, mandamus proceedings
might be brought compelling the board to
ignore the old committee. Still, again, an
order postponing the primary, is among the
possibilities. This would give the whole Supreme Court an opportunity to pass on the
writ of prohibition, which was issued by
Justice Robinson.

Judge McCaffrey, chairman of the Board
of Election Commissioners, has not issued
a call for a meeting, though it was generally thought one would be held to-day.
The programme calls for a Republican primary next Tuesday, It is possible that no
meeting will be heid until Monday. If either
committee is then recognized, an extra
force of cl escorted to the Missouri Trust building.

YOUNG MOTHERS

May Need Helpful Advice at Trying Times. They Should Remember Mrs. Pinkham Freely Offers Her Motherly Advice.

"O, if my mother were only alive."

How frequently young mothers use this expression! All through her life she has known a mother's watchful care. She is now a mother nerself and gains in strength but slowly.

She would give worlds to do everything for her babe, but cannot." That tiny babe has unfolded in the young mother's heart new emotions; she has a living responsibility, and requires strength to enable her to perform a loving duty. At such a time too much care cannot be taken, and the greatest assistant that nature can have is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The birth of the first child is an especially trying experience and nature needs all the help it can get. A happy, healthy, young mother is a delight to herself and all who know her, and Mrs. Pinkham's medicine will build her up as nothing else can.

Mrs. Pinkham especially requests young mothers and wives to write her if they need advice. She has been mother, helper, and friend to thousands—let her help you—it will cost you



By special permission we publish below the correspondence between Mrs. Pinkham and Mrs. George Traub, of Elizabeth, N. J., which goes

"DEAR MRS. PINEBAM: - I will take my husband's advice and write to you, for I will not have any doctor examine me. I have one little girl. Two months before my baby was born I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and have now a fine healthy little girl. At five months she weighed twenty-one pounds, but my health is not so good. I am in such misery, pain, have dreadful bearing-down feelings, and something like a lump seems to be coming from me. Please give me your advice."—Mrs. George Traus, 113 Miller St., Elizabeth, N.J. (Dec. 1, 1899.)

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: —I have now taken four bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. When I had finished the first bottle, that lump I wrote about grew smaller and has now gone entirely. I feel that I do not need any doctor beside your medicine. Your Vegetable Compound has cured all my puin, soreness and bearing down. The benefit I have received from it is wonderful. You and you alone will be my guide as long

as I live."-MRS. GEORGE TRAUB, 113 Miller St., Elizabeth, N.J. (Jan. 27, 1900.) PEWARD Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuina ness of the testimonial letters we are constant publishing we have deposited with the National City Bank, of Lynn, Mass., \$5,000, which will be paid to any person who will show that the above testimonial is no genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission.—Lydia E. Finkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Mass.

THINKS PATTISON MAY BE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE. * De Armond Says Former Pennsylvania Governor Would Make Formidable Presidential Candidate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Warrensburg, Mo., Sept. 12.-David A. De Armond, Congressman from the Sixth District, stated here to-day that the mext Demecratic nominee for President would in all probability be a man who makes a good

He referred to former Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania, who is making the race for Governor again, as a strong possibility. Pattison is the only Democratic Governor Pennsylvania ever had, and should he win a third time, he would make a formidable presidential candidate, according to Mr. De

Voting Precincts Changed. Carthage, Mo., Sept. 12.—The Jasper County Court yesterday changed all the voting precinets of the county. The effect of the mandate was to have more precinets.

KAISER PROMISES COMPLETE REPRESENTATION AT FAIR. General Corbin Delivers President

Roosevelt's Personal Message on the Subject. Berlin, Sept. 12 - Emperor William, saying good-by to Generals Corbin, Young and Wood to-day, remarked that he was specially interested in the three Americans.

uredly. He admired his versatility, courage, power for hard work and insight into General Corbin had an opportunity to present President Roosevelt's message about the St. Louis World's Fair, and Emperor William sold that he would see that Ger

He admired President Roosevelt unmeas-

many had a good representation. "I will send you a large party," he added, pleasantly.

sages to President Roosevelt through General Corbin and asked to be remembered especially to "Miss Alice," as he called Miss

In speaking to General Young of the possibility of Prince Henry of Prussia's secand visit to the United States, Emperor William sald Prince Henry might go next April, when the statue of Frederick the Great, presented by his Majesty to the United States, is unveiled at Washington, although the Prince's sea duties might pre-

Field Marshal Count von Waldersee told the Americans that he hoped next year to see them in the United States. He long had been intending to visit the Countess country, and he now believed he could say he had an opportunity to go.

Boy Ruas Away From Home.

Because his mother wanted him to go to school, John Maher, 12 years old, of No. 1829 North Seventh street, ran away from home last Monday morning.

His mother reported his absence to the police of the Fourth District last night, and described him as being a boy of average size for his age. He has dark hair and dark eyes. When he left home he wore a blue coat, blue cap and dark kneen breeches.

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-VIA-B. & O. S-W. SUNDAY, SEPT. 14. Train leaves at 5:05 a. m. \$1.50 and Lem. Sixth and Olive and Union Station.

BIG DUQUOIN COAL DEAL Weaver Company of Chicago Ab-

sorbs the Jupiter Company. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Duquoin, Ill., Sept. 12-A deal was consummated yesterday whereby the Weaver Coal and Coke Company of Chicago became the owners of the plant of the Jupiter

came the owners of the plant of the Jupiter Coal and Coke Company of this city, together with 1,000 acres of land. The consideration was between \$109,000 and \$125,000.

The Jupiter Coal and Coke Company furnished 250 acres of the land and Thomas Horn, W. D. Ward, Wiley House and Mariem League, all of this city, furnished the remainder, John W. Gates, a stockholder of the Weaver Coal and Coke Company, and Thomas Gahan, another stockholder, and the Illinois member of the Democratic National Committee, represented the Chicago Company in the deal. D. R. Eaton, president and general manager of the Jupiter Coal and Coke Company, and Robert O. Lehn, cashier of the Pirst National Bank, and secretary of the Duquoin Commercial Citib, engineered the Duquoin Commercial Citib, engineered the Duquoin Proceedings of the rewiy-acquired business Monday. The capacity of the mine will be increased immediately to 1,000 tons daily. The members of the retiring company are S. B. Eaton of this city and Mayor M. O. Wright and L. P. Parker of Cairo, Excitement runshigh in Duquoin business circles over the deal, which is one of the largest in the history of the city.

Robbed by Highwaymen. Henry Townsend and Robert Bell, ne-grees, living at No. 1514 Gay street, were arrested at Thirteenth and Morgan streets resterday afternoon on complaint of Wil-liam Mercelith, a negro, who was beaten and robbed of £1.9. He received serious in-juries. A warrant will be issued.

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